

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 1, with the following redlined paragraph:

Although specific embodiments, and examples for, the invention are described herein for illustrative purposes, various equivalent modifications can be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention, as will be recognized by those skilled in the relevant art. For example, the hydrogen sensor may be installed in the oxidant exhaust conduit or somewhere in the oxidant stream downstream of the stack. If the sensor is placed in the oxidant exhaust stream, the oxidant exhaust stream may be positioned so that the sensor is also in the vicinity of the fuel regulating system. The teachings provided herein of the invention can be applied to other fuel cell systems, not necessarily the PEM ~~PME~~-fuel cell system described above.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 10, with the following redlined paragraph:

Commonly assigned U.S. patent applications Serial No. 09/_____, 09/916,241, entitled FUEL CELL AMBIENT ENVIRONMENT MONITORING AND CONTROL APPARATUS AND METHOD (~~Atty. Docket No. 130109.404~~); Serial No. 09/_____, 09/916,117, entitled FUEL CELL CONTROLLER SELF INSPECTION (~~Atty. Docket No. 130109.405~~); Serial No. 09/_____, 09/916,115, entitled FUEL CELL ANOMALY DETECTION METHOD AND APPARATUS (~~Atty. Docket No. 130109.406~~); Serial No. 09/_____, 09/916,211, entitled FUEL CELL PURGING METHOD AND APPARATUS (~~Atty. Docket No. 130109.407~~); Serial No. 09/_____, 09/916,213, entitled FUEL CELL RESUSCITATION METHOD AND APPARATUS (~~Atty. Docket No. 130109.408~~); Serial No. 09/_____, 09/916,240, entitled FUEL CELL SYSTEM METHOD, APPARATUS AND SCHEDULING (~~Atty. Docket No. 130109.409~~); Serial No. 09/_____, 09/916,239, entitled FUEL CELL SYSTEM AUTOMATIC POWER SWITCHING METHOD AND APPARATUS (~~Atty. Docket No. 130109.421~~); and Serial No. 09/_____, 09/916,118, entitled PRODUCT WATER PUMP FOR FUEL CELL SYSTEM (~~Atty. Docket No. 130109.427~~), all filed July 25, 2001, are incorporated herein by reference, in their entirety.